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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

(Previously Presented):
A method of accessing one or more remote locations on a network by sensing a machine-resolvable code, comprising the steps of:

providing a first computer disposed on the network, the first computer being interfacable to an input device for sensing a machine-resolvable code proximate a first location, the first computer running a software application which includes a software identification code unrelated to the machine resolvable code having an association with at least one of the one or more remote locations:

accessing with the first computer a second computer disposed on the network in accordance with routing information provided by the first computer and in response to sensing by the input device the machine-resolvable code proximate the first location;

transferring to the second computer from the first computer at least the software identification code:

storing in an associative database at the second computer associations between software identification codes and ones of the one or more remote locations and operable to have routing information associated with each of the one or more remote locations;

performing a lookup operation at the second computer to match the software identification code with the associated at least one of the one or more remote locations in accordance with the stored associations to obtain associated remote routing information corresponding to the associated at least one of the one or more remote locations;

returning to the first computer from the second computer the remote routing information of the at least one of the one or more remote locations determined at the second computer to correspond to the software identification code that was transferred from the first computer to the second computer, and

accessing with the first computer the associated at least one of the one or more remote locations according to the returned remote routing information to retrieve remote information from the one of the one or more remote locations associated with the returned remote routing information.

 (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of accessing with the first computer further comprises the steps of:

computer further comprises the steps of:

returning information from the associated at least one of the one or more remote

locations to the first computer; and

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presenting at least a portion of the information so returned on the display of the first

computer for presentation to the user.

3. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein in response to the sensing of a

machine-resolvable code using the input device, the software application running on the first computer converts the software identification code and generates routing information for

transmission to the second computer.

4. (Original): The method of Claim 3, wherein the routing information includes

the software identification code and the address of the second computer.

5. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the machine-resolvable code is an

optical code and the input device is an optical code scanner.

6. (Original): The method of Claim 5, wherein the optical code is a bar code and

the optical code scanner is a bar code scanner.

7. (Original): The method of Claim 6, wherein the bar code is a universal

product code (UPC) bar code.

8. (Original): The method of Claim 5, wherein the optical code is alphanumeric

text and the optical code scanner is an optical character recognition (OCR) scanner.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the optical code is a portion of a

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display screen displaying a pattern of modulated brightness and the optical code scanner

comprises a light sensor.

10. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the machine-resolvable code is an

audio tone and the input device comprises a microphone.

11. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the machine-resolvable code is a

magnetic pattern in a strip of magnetic material and the input device is a magnetic strip reader.

12. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the machine-resolvable code is a

pattern of electromagnetic signals transmitted from an induction-coupled transceiver device and

the input device is an electromagnetic signal receiver.

13. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the machine-resolvable code is associated with at least a second of the one or

more remote locations;

the step of transferring is operable to also transfer the sensed machine-resolvable

5 code to the second computer;

the step of storing associations comprises storing an association between ones of

machine resolvable codes and ones of the one or more remote locations; and

the step of performing a lookup operation at the second computer further

comprises matching the received machine-resolvable code with the associated at least a second

of the one or more remote locations to obtain remote routing information corresponding to the

associated at least a second of the one or more remote locations.

14. (Original): The method of Claim 13, wherein the step of returning the remote

routing information further comprises returning the remote routing information corresponding to

the associated at least a second of the one or more remote locations from the second computer to

the first computer.

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15. (Original): The method of Claim 14, wherein the step of accessing with the

first computer further comprises the steps of,

returning information from the associated at least one of the one or more remote

locations to the first computer;

returning information from the associated second of the one or more remote

locations to the first computer; and

framing at least a portion of the information from the associated at least one of the

one or more remote locations and at least a portion of the information from the associated second

of the one or more remote locations in a browser window of the first computer for presentation to

the user.

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16. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the network is a global

communication network.

17. (Previously Presented): A system for accessing one or more remote

locations on a network by sensing a machine-resolvable code, comprising:

a first computer disposed on the network, the first computer being interfacable to

an input device for sensing a machine-resolvable code proximate a first location, wherein the

machine-resolvable code contains no routing information, the first computer running a software

application which includes a software identification code unrelated to the machine resolvable

code having an association with at least one of the one or more remote locations;

a second computer disposed on the network, and accessed in accordance with

routing information provided by said first computer and in response to the input device sensing

the machine-resolvable code proximate the first location;

the first computer operable to transfer to the second computer from the first

computer at least the software identification code;

an associative database disposed at the second computer for storing associations

between software identification codes and ones of the one or more remote locations and operable

to have routing information associated with each of the one or more remote locations;

wherein a lookup operation is performed at the second computer to match the

software identification code with the associated at least one of the one or more remote locations

to obtain associated remote routing information corresponding to the associated at least one of

the one or more remote locations;

20 wherein the remote routing information of the at least one of the one or more

remote locations determined at the second computer to correspond to the software identification

code that was transferred from the first computer to the second computer, and

wherein the associated at least one of the one or more remote locations are

accessed by the first computer according to the returned remote routing information to retrieve

remote information from the one of the one or more remote locations associated with the

returned remote routing information.

18 (Original): The system of Claim 17, wherein at least a portion of the

information returned from the associated at least one of the one or more remote locations to the

first computer is presented on the display of the first computer.

19 (Original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the software application running

on the first computer converts the software identification code and generates routing information

for transmission to the second computer in response to the sensing of a machine-resolvable code

by the input device.

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20 (Original): The system of Claim 19, wherein the routing information includes

the software identification code and the address of the second computer.

21. (Original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the machine-resolvable code is

an optical code and the input device is an optical code scanner.

22. (Original): The system of Claim 21, wherein the optical code is a bar code and

the optical code scanner is a bar code scanner.

23. The system of Claim 22, wherein the bar code is a universal (Original):

product code (UPC) bar code.

24. The system of Claim 21, wherein the optical code is alphanumeric (Original):

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text and the optical code scanner is an optical character recognition (OCR) scanner.

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25. (Original): The system of Claim 21, wherein the optical code is a portion of a

display screen displaying a pattern of modulated brightness and the optical code scanner

comprises a light sensor.

26. (Original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the machine-resolvable code is

an audio tone and the input device comprises a microphone.

27. (Original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the machine-resolvable code is a

magnetic pattern in a strip of magnetic material and the input device is a magnetic strip reader.

28. (Original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the machine-resolvable code is a

pattern of electromagnetic signals transmitted from an induction-coupled transceiver device and

the input device is an electromagnetic signal receiver.

29. (Original): The system of Claim 17, wherein:

the machine-resolvable code is associated with at least a second of the one or

more remote locations:

the first computer is operable to also transfer the sensed machine-resolvable code

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said associative database operable to store an association between ones of

machine resolvable codes and ones of the one or more remote locations; and

wherein the second computer performs a lookup operation matching the received

machine-resolvable code with the associated at least a second of the one or more remote

locations to obtain remote routing information corresponding to the associated at least a second

of the one or more remote locations.

30. (Original): The method of Claim 29, wherein the second computer returns the

remote routing information corresponding to the associated at least a second of the one or more

remote locations to the first computer.

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31. (Original): The method of Claim 30, wherein information from the associated

at least one of the one or more remote locations is returned to the first computer; wherein information from the associated second of the one or more remote locations is returned to the

first computer; and wherein at least a portion of the information from the associated at least one

of the one or more remote locations and at least a portion of the information from the associated

second of the one or more remote locations are framed in a browser window of the first computer

for presentation to the user.

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32. (Original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the network is a global

communication network.

33. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein a remote location is accessible

corresponding to each one of the group consisting of the machine-resolvable code, the software

identification code and the input device ID.

34. (Original): The method of Claim 33, wherein the step of performing a lookup

operation includes obtaining routing information for a remote location corresponding respectively to each one of the machine resolvable code, the software identification code and the

input device ID.

35. (Original): The system of Claim 17, wherein a remote location is accessible

corresponding to each one of the group consisting of said machine-resolvable code, said software

identification code and said input device ID.

36. (Original): The system of Claim 35, wherein performing said lookup operation

includes obtaining routing information for said remote location corresponding respectively to

each one of said machine-resolvable code, said software identification code and said input device

ID.

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